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Two Key Appointments Announced by Chief Counsel

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WASHINGTON — Steven Musher has been appointed Internal Revenue Service Associate Chief Counsel, International, and Christopher Sterner has been appointed Division Counsel (Large and Mid-Size Business). The assignments are effective April 16, 2006.

Steven Musher Named Associate Chief Counsel, International

Since November 2005, Musher served as Acting Associate Chief Counsel, International. Prior to that Musher served, starting 2001, as Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (International-Technical), overseeing the published guidance program. Musher began his tenure at the Office of Chief Counsel in 1994 as a Senior Technical Reviewer in the International Division where he later served as Branch Chief. Before joining the IRS, Musher worked in private practice.

“Steven’s promotion illustrates the agency’s commitment to promoting from within by giving young professionals opportunities to advance within the Service,” said IRS Chief Counsel Don Korb.

Mr. Musher received his B.A. degree from Yale University in 1975 and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law Center in 1978. He also received an L.L.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1989.

Christopher Sterner Named Division Counsel (Large and Mid-Size Business)

“With 29 years experience in five IRS counsel field offices, Chris is eminently qualified to lead this important legal division. He has led Counsel’s efforts in the Son of Boss settlement initiative and subsequent trial strategy,” said Korb.

Sterner began his career with the Office of Chief Counsel in 1977 performing general litigation work in New York City. In 1978, he transferred to the Albany, NY, office where he was appointed a Special Litigation Assistant in 1988. Soon thereafter, Sterner assumed the position of Industry Counsel for the Data Processing Industry. In 1996, he transferred to the Richmond, VA, office as Assistant District Counsel. In 2000, he moved to Area 7 (San Francisco) as Area Counsel.

Mr. Sterner received a J.D. degree from the State University of New York School of Law at Buffalo in 1977 and a B.A. degree from the City University of New York in 1974.